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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention titled: **WHALE-SAFE ROPE**, the specification of which

/ / is attached hereto.  
 / x / was filed on 8 September 2003, as a United States application or a PCT International application, Serial No. PCT/US2003/027932; and  
 / / was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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